

B. SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

§ 9. Introductory

This subchapter deals with the “Speaker pro tempore,”⁽⁸⁾ the meaning of the phrase and the general nature of the office,⁽⁹⁾ the oath and term of office,⁽¹⁰⁾ and the procedures involved in appointing him to office.⁽¹¹⁾

Throughout, emphasis is placed on the status of the office of Speaker pro tempore and on those duties, powers, and functions assumed by a Speaker pro tempore from a Speaker that are peculiar to the office of Speaker pro tempore. The responsibilities and functions undertaken by a Speaker pro tempore merely as the occupant of the Chair, and which are not peculiar to his office, are found more thoroughly described elsewhere in this work.

Examples of responsibilities and functions that are within the scope of authority of a Speaker pro tempore, but which are not peculiar to the office, are: announcing a Presidential veto;⁽¹²⁾

announcing requests from the Senate;⁽¹³⁾ deciding protocol for joint sessions;⁽¹⁴⁾ answering parliamentary inquiries of various kinds;⁽¹⁵⁾ proceeding to unfinished business;⁽¹⁶⁾ putting the question in various situations;⁽¹⁷⁾ quorum counting;⁽¹⁸⁾ and ruling on points of order.⁽¹⁹⁾

8. For previous treatment of the Speaker pro tempore see 6 Cannon's Precedents §§263–282; 2 Hinds' Precedents §§1377–1418; and references thereunder.
9. See § 10, *infra*.
10. See § 11, *infra*.
11. See §§ 12–14 *infra*.
12. 112 CONG. REC. 22411, 89th Cong. 2d Sess., Sept. 13, 1966.

13. 107 CONG. REC. 21453, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 26 [legislative day, Sept. 25], 1961; 107 CONG. REC. 20822, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 22, 1961; 107 CONG. REC. 19253, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 13, 1961.
14. 91 CONG. REC. 1594, 1595, 79th Cong. 1st Sess., Feb. 28, 1945.
15. 114 CONG. REC. 18330, 18331, 90th Cong. 2d Sess., June 24, 1968; 107 CONG. REC. 21466, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 26 [legislative day, Sept. 25], 1961; 107 CONG. REC. 20533, 20534, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 21, 1961; 90 CONG. REC. 3128, 78th Cong. 2d Sess., Mar. 27, 1944.
16. 107 CONG. REC. 20533, 20534, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 21, 1961; 104 CONG. REC. 13882, 85th Cong. 2d Sess., July 10, 1958.
17. 115 CONG. REC. 20153, 91st Cong. 1st Sess., July 21, 1969; 109 CONG. REC. 12120, 88th Cong. 1st Sess., July 2, 1963; 107 CONG. REC. 20537, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 21, 1961.
18. 106 CONG. REC. 11830, 86th Cong. 2d Sess., June 3, 1960.
19. 104 CONG. REC. 13882, 85th Cong. 2d Sess., July 10, 1958. See also 107 CONG. REC. 18242, 18243, 87th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 6, 1961; 94